

1. *Gathering Music

You Are Worthy of My Praise

[Refrain] I will give You all my worship. I will give You all my praise.

You alone I long to worship. You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will worship, With all of my heart. I will praise You, With all of my strength.

I will seek You. All of my days. And I will follow, All of Your ways.

I will bow down. Hail You as king.

And I will serve. Give You everything.

I will lift up, My eyes to Your throne.

And I will trust You. I will trust You alone [refrain]

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship (W&S 3167)

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those Who gladly choose you now.

Welcome (W&S 3152)

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin.

To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in

To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace.

Singing welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome, the love of God to share.

'Cause all of us are welcome here. All are welcome in this place.

2. *Passing the Peace of Christ

3. *Call to Worship

L: Seek the Lord while God is to be found.

P: Call upon God while God is near!

L: Repent of unrighteous ways.

P: It is never too late to turn to God!

L: Get rid of evil thoughts.

P: Let us turn to God, that God may have mercy on us!

L: For God will pardon our sins and cleanse us of our transgressions.

P: We will praise God for the new life we have found!

L: Alleluia!

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4. Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

This is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to the

Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes, wondering why everything isn't coming our way. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. Yet our lives are filled with stress and discontent. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don't want to be like this - we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our selfishness and stupidity. Heal us.

We are given another chance! God has heard our cries. Let us turn again to the Lord and find comfort and strength in God's eternal love for us. Let us be healed. AMEN.

5. *Hymn

TFWS 2171, Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon Lord. And where there is doubt, true faith in You.

2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light. And where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. Oh, Master grant that I may never seek. So much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive. And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

6. Announcements

7. Scripture Lesson

Matthew 8:5-13

8. Sermon

Brave Talk (2/3)

Pastor Sunmin

9. Hymn

UMH 560, Help Us Accept Each Other

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love, to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!

10. *Offering UMH 94, *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

11. *Prayer of Dedication
Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. May we live as your fruitful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy. In the name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. Amen.

12. Prayer Concerns *“Lord, in Your Mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**”*

13. *Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

14. Hymn of Your Choice

15. Benediction & Postlude

* : Please rise if you feel comfortable
UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red/blue)
TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black)
W&S: Worship & Song (green)
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Twitter: [@newton_umc](https://twitter.com/newton_umc)
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For any questions about the church, website, signage, and accessibility, please contact the church.
Monday is Pastor’s Day-Off.




The United Methodist Church of Newton



March 23, 2025
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM


430 Walnut St.
Newtonville, MA 02460
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